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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe will serve as honorary chairman of the Christopher Columbus Day celebration being held Sunday at the Sheraton Park Hotel in Washington.

More than 1,000 persons will attend the event sponsored by "AMERITO," a federation of Italian/American organizations in the metropolitan Washington area. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Cotillion Room and the dinner will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Park Room.

The celebration is being held to honor two outstanding men: Christopher Columbus and Peter Fosco. Mr. Fosco is General President of the 650,000 member-Laborers' International Union of North America.

Since Mr. Fosco assumed leadership of the Union it has grown to become the fourth largest in the construction and trade area. Benefits in the field of pensions and welfare for the laboring man rank among his greatest accomplishments. Mr. Fosco is also a Vice-President of the AFL-CIO.

"This is truly a memorable experience in my career," Secretary Volpe said, "commemorating the exploits of the renowned navigator and explorer Christopher Columbus and honoring an outstanding American of Italian heritage, Peter Fosco."

"Like Columbus, Peter Fosco had a vision," the Secretary said. "His vision was of this great country of ours and the destiny of those less fortunate than he. So he has devoted a lifetime working for human rights and human betterment. I am proud to be a friend of this great American."

Among celebrities attending the celebration will be New York Customs Court Judge Edward Re, who will serve as master of ceremonies for the

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Columbus Day affair; Italian Ambassador Edigio Ortona; New York Representative John M. Murphy; George Meany, President of the AFL-CIO; John McDevitt, Supreme Knight of the Knights of Columbus, New Haven, Conn.; Hollywood star Connie Francis; and the Most Reverend Luigi Raimondi, Apostolic Delegate.

Entertainment for the dinner and reception will be provided by Miss Francis and comic Tony Vallo.

The President of "AMERITO" is Antonio M. Marinelli and the Chairman is Lewis J. Figliozzi.

The official Columbus Day holiday following President Nixon's proclamation last year, is the second Monday in October of each year.

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ATTACHED IS SPECIAL TRIBUTE LETTER TO PETER FOSCO FROM PRESIDENT RICHARD M. NIXON.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

October 3, 1972

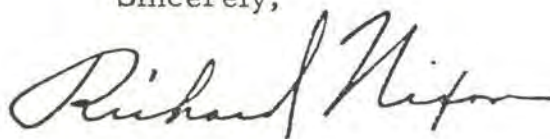
Dear Mr. Fosco:

It is entirely appropriate that you receive special tribute on Columbus Day for your outstanding contributions to American labor and to the vitality of our society.

You have dedicated your life to assuring working people and their families the fullness of opportunity that is the legacy of all Americans. As leader of a great union, you have had a unique chance to use your talents and your special sensitivity toward the public good. You have done so responsibly and enthusiastically, and your achievements have been a credit to your profession as well as to the Italian heritage in America.

I congratulate you on this well-earned recognition, and I fully share in the sentiments it conveys.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard Nixon", written in a cursive style.

Mr. Peter Fosco
President
Laborers' International
Union of North America
905 Sixteenth Street, NW.
Washington, D.C. 20006



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Women will enter the U.S. Coast Guard's officer candidate program next year for the first time since World War II, Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today.

"This action is in line with President Nixon's intention that every woman has the freedom to choose whatever career she wishes and an equal chance to pursue it," Secretary Volpe said. "I'm also a great believer in 'woman power' and extremely pleased that the Coast Guard's Officer Candidate School convening next February will have women enrolled, although we're not sure of the exact number at this time."

Requirements for women officer candidates will be basically the same as for men, said Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Chester R. Bender. Those accepted must be college graduates and upon successful completion of the 18-week officer candidate program at the Coast Guard Reserve Training Center in Yorktown, Va., they will be commissioned ensigns in the Coast Guard Reserve. All OCS applicants must be physically fit, between 21 and 27 years old, and pass a written qualification test.

"We recognize that we have many functions where women can perform equally as well as men," Admiral Bender said. "Therefore, the Coast Guard next year will seek legislation to appoint female commissioned officers and to enlist females into the Coast Guard Reserve. At present, the service is limited by law to the World War II special women's reserve --- the SPAR program. A limited number will, in the future, be offered commissions or enlistments in the regular service once the new program is in operation."

Admiral Bender said the Coast Guard does not plan to accept women applicants for the Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., a four-year institution which supplies a large share of regular Coast Guard officers.

"The training of a cadet represents a sizeable investment," said Admiral Bender, "and we just could not justify the expense to produce officers who would be available only for selected assignments ashore. In addition, the service does not now have legal authority to commission women into the regular Coast Guard."

A special board at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, D.C., is currently studying the wide variety of tasks women could undertake to assist the service in accomplishing its multi-mission role. The full role of women in the Coast Guard cannot be decided, however, until the board completes its work and submits a report to Admiral Bender.

Complete information on the OCS program is available at Coast Guard Recruiting Stations, District Headquarters offices or by writing to Commandant (GPTP/72), U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, D.C. 20590.

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During the second three months of 1972, Class I highway truck tonnage rose by more than 25 percent while rail freight tonnage declined by about 3 percent, according to a quarterly activity report issued today by the Department of Transportation.

Bus passenger service increased 7 1/2 percent, while rail passenger service travel increased by 91,000 passengers, compared with a similar period in 1971. Air passenger-mileage also continued to rise.

Air ton-miles and pipeline barrel totals showed increases, while interstate water tonnage remained steady.

Comparison of activity by transportation mode is attached.

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NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM ACTIVITY
SECOND QUARTER 1972
PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES

	Second Quarter 1971	Second Quarter 1972
<u>Passenger Service</u>		
Railroad (Class I) (Passengers)	68,425,305	68,516,103
Air (Passenger-Miles)	37.51 billion	41.18 billion
Bus (Class I Interstate) (Passengers)	119,900,262	129,066,712
Water (Interstate) (Passengers)	698,274	838,071
Automobile (Vehicle-Miles)	244 billion	257 billion
<u>Freight Service</u>		
Railroad (Class I) (Tons)	674,314,642	654,382,621
Air (Ton-Miles)	980,771,000	1,293,615,000
Highway (Class I) (Tons)	132,673,568	168,005,250
Water (Interstate) (Tons)	42,524,138	42,539,937
Pipeline (Barrels)	2,038,553,629	2,132,538,458

Source: Office of Systems Analysis and Information, Office of the Secretary, Department of Transportation; Civil Aeronautics Board; Interstate Commerce Commission; Federal Highway Administration

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Standard time goes into effect at 2 a.m., Sunday, October 29 and clocks in most states will be turned back one hour. This will give many Americans an extra 60 minutes of sleep or recreation and marks the end of advanced time for 1972.

Since 1967, when the Uniform Time Act went into effect, standard time is advanced one hour at 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in April and remains advanced until 2 a.m. on the last Sunday in October.

The annual ritual of turning back the clock will be ignored in Arizona, Hawaii, Michigan, and that part of Indiana which is in the eastern time zone -- those States that have exercised the option under the Uniform Time Act to exempt themselves from the use of advanced time.

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Friday, the thirteenth, is a lucky day for 50 men and women of the Department of Transportation. Today they receive awards for heroism and outstanding accomplishments from Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe at the Department's Fifth Annual Awards Assembly.

The ceremony honoring these employees is being held at 10 a.m., October 13, in the L'Enfant Plaza Theatre, 10th and D Streets, S. W., Washington, D. C.

"These exceptional few, through their tremendous dedication, their constant quest for excellence, and their sincere concern for others have attained high levels of achievement and have had significant impact on the fulfillment of the Department's mission," Secretary Volpe said. "President Nixon and I take great pride in these deserving men and women, who exemplify the highest ideals of government."

Forty employees are receiving Secretarial Awards for distinguished civilian service, they include:

- The Award for Valor, highest Departmental award for acts of heroism or courage involving great personal risk by civilian employees under unusual circumstances. To be eligible for this award, an employee must have demonstrated heroism or courage in an emergency on or off duty. This year's recipient is:

James J. Saurage, Jr.
Radar Maintenance Technician
Federal Aviation Administration
Houston, Texas

For heroic action displayed on February 24, 1972, in rescuing two men who were in danger of drowning after the truck in which they were riding plunged from the road into a creek in Houston, Texas.

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- The Award for Meritorious Achievement, given by the Secretary in recognition of exceptionally meritorious service to the Department or for exceptional achievement which substantially contributes to accomplishment of the Department's mission or major programs. Thirty-one men and women are receiving this coveted award:

Milton L. Brooks, Jr.
Director of Program Evaluation
Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Charles Broxmeyer
Director, New Systems Division
Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Greer A. Busbee
Director, Office of Emergency Transportation
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

William A. Cleary, Jr.
Supervisory Naval Architect
U.S. Coast Guard
Washington, D. C.

Jefferson W. Cochran
Director, Airway Facilities Service
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Martin Convisser
Director, Office of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Jewel W. Davis
Personnel Management Specialist
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Vincent F. DeCain
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Safety
and Consumer Affairs
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Edward J. DePina
Division Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Boston, Massachusetts

Andrew D. Eppelmann
Management Analyst
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

George F. Fenton
Division Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Crompton A. Guthrie
Chief, Management Planning Division
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Dorothy S. Haywood
Secretary to the Federal Aviation Administrator
Washington, D. C.

Ronald D. Keefer
Director, Program Audit Division
Urban Mass Transportation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Mary D. Mason
Assistant to the Federal Highway Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D. C.

Robert L. Maxwell
Assistant Director for Program Management
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Allan G. McIntosh
Chief, Office of Maintenance
Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
Massena, New York

Hazel McKendrick Jones
Evaluation and Proficiency Development Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Dallas, Texas

Clarence R. Melugin
Deputy Director, Flight Standards Service
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Donald A. Morin
Chief, Public Transportation Branch
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D. C.

Harry A. L. Lindberg
Supervisory Highway Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Washington, D. C.

Alfonso B. Linhares
Chief, R&D Policy Analysis Division
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Gustav E. Lundquist
Associate Administrator for Engineering
and Development
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Ralph R. Mueller
Deputy Director, Office of Planning
and Program Review
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Robert E. Redding
Director, Office of Facilitation
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Nancy R. Reinhard
Confidential Secretary to
The Secretary of Transportation
Office of The Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Lawrence R. Schneider
Chief Counsel
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, D. C.

Richard W. Slocum
Deputy Director, Office of Budget
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Cynthia Straker
Attorney-Advisor
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Richard L. Strombotne
Assistant for Physical Sciences
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D. C.

Edward D. Sylvest
Chief, Bridge Section
U.S. Coast Guard
New Orleans, Louisiana

- The Citation for Achievements in Equal Opportunity, given in recognition of exceptional service toward achievement of the Department's equal opportunity goals. This year's eight recipients are:

Leonard W. Carper
Regional Civil Rights Officer
Federal Highway Administration
Kansas City, Missouri

Paul M. Comulada
Director, Logistics Service
Federal Aviation Administration
Washington, D. C.

Hoyt Diamond
Air Traffic Control Specialist
Federal Aviation Administration
Indianapolis, Indiana

Erick B. Erickson
District Engineer
Federal Highway Administration
Helena, Montana

Daniel W. Flowers
Chief, Electronics Crystal Shop
U.S. Coast Guard
Brooklyn, New York

YNC Lee J. Leyba
Officer-In-Charge, Coast Guard
Recruiting Station
U.S. Coast Guard
Albuquerque, New Mexico

James S. Riggan
Program Analyst
Federal Aviation Administration
Anchorage, Alaska

Murray N. Torrance
Chief, Civilian Personnel Branch
U.S. Coast Guard
Cleveland, Ohio

In addition, a special award is being presented to Francis C. Turner, former Federal Highway Administrator, for his distinguished career achievements.

Secretary Volpe is decorating nine U.S. Coast Guard military personnel. They are being recognized for extraordinary achievement, heroism and meritorious service. They are:

Admiral Chester R. Bender

Distinguished Service Medal

Rear Admiral William A. Jenkins

Meritorious Service Medal

Lieutenant Commander Donald Cyrus Addison

Distinguished Flying Cross

Lieutenant James Gilbert Soland
Chief Damage Controlman George Anthony Azevedo
Damage Controlman Third Class Robert Albert Iness
Engineman Third Class David Gerald Traub
Seaman Danny Leon Grigsby
Seaman Morgan Dale Hightower

Coast Guard Medal

The Coast Guard band is providing music at the Awards program.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe is the first Cabinet Member to be elected a Fellow in the American Society of Civil Engineers, joining a distinguished panel of persons who have made significant contributions to the art and science of civil engineering.

The citation elevating Secretary Volpe said: "... that he be elected to membership in the Society in the grade of Fellow in recognition of his contributions to our profession, our country, and the field of construction and transportation."

The ASCE is the oldest national engineering society in the United States, having been formed in 1852. It has a membership of more than 65,000.

Secretary Volpe has been actively associated with the construction industry for a half-century, starting at the age of 12 when he went to work for his father. He started his own business in 1933 with \$300 from a cashed-in insurance policy and a borrowed \$200.

Following World War II service in the Navy's "Seabees", Mr. Volpe returned to Boston, re-established his company and soon earned a national reputation for construction excellence.

He entered public service as Deputy Chairman of the Massachusetts Republican State Committee in 1950, and in 1953 became Massachusetts Commissioner of Public Works.

In 1956, President Eisenhower appointed Mr. Volpe as the first Federal Highway Administrator to launch the Interstate Highway System.

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In 1960, Mr. Volpe was elected Governor of Massachusetts for a two-year term. He was returned to office in 1964, and in 1966 he was re-elected to become the first Governor of Massachusetts to serve a four-year term. While serving this term, President Nixon appointed him Secretary of Transportation, and he was sworn in January 20, 1969.

Secretary Volpe was the driving force in the Nixon Administration for the enactment by the Congress of major transportation legislation such as the Airport and Airways Development/Revenue Act of 1970, the Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act of 1970, the Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970, the Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1970, the Federal Railroad Safety Act of 1970, and the St. Lawrence Seaway Legislation.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today presented Virginia Governor Linwood Holton with the Secretary's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Transportation Safety.

The Award, made at the Twenty-fifth Annual Virginia Highway Conference being held at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Virginia, is given to the State government whose contribution to safety in transportation has markedly benefitted the American public and the transportation industry.

"Transportation safety must be of the highest priority on the State and local level as well as the Federal level. The fact that over 55,000 of our citizens died on our nation's highways last year should awaken every American to the need to act on our safety problems," Secretary Volpe said. "I present this award with pride and gratitude to the State of Virginia and to Governor Holton, in particular, for showing deep concern for the safety of the traveling public, and for acting on that concern to insure transportation safety in Virginia."

Each of the 50 States were evaluated in six areas of modal safety programs: highway safety, pipeline safety, hazardous materials regulations adoption, rail-highway grade crossing, aviation safety and rail-highway grade separation.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today the award of a \$133,000 contract to the Tri-State Regional Planning Commission and the New York City Transportation Administration to develop plans to improve the movement of goods in New York City's Garment Center.

"We must deal realistically with the challenges of urban transportation," Secretary Volpe said, "and this includes not just the movement of people, but also planning for the distribution and delivery of goods.

"The New York Trucking Association found that the average truck operating in mid-town Manhattan lost four hours earning time daily because of traffic congestion. Total loss every year for these trucks is \$150 million, but the cost to the health and well being of our citizens from the noise and air pollution is immeasurable.

"President Nixon has directed that attention be given to ending the traffic congestion that's strangling our central business districts," Secretary Volpe said. "I am confident that this study, the first Department attempt to implement solutions to our urban goods movement problems, is a step towards that goal."

The one-year contract has the following objectives:

- Improving the understanding of goods movement within cities.
- Developing and implementing greater transportation efficiency while reducing negative environmental consequences of goods shipments.
- Making information available to other cities on improved efficiency and reduced environmental impacts of goods movements.

Under the contract provisions, New York City Transportation Administration will develop data on goods flow to determine conflicts between freight and passenger flows within the center and adjacent areas.

They also will develop a cost analysis of the present and alternative goods movement systems in the garment center as well as identify social and political problems affecting such movement. Changes in air quality resulting from improvements in traffic flow will be monitored. Criteria will be developed for immediate action projects and an examination of short and long term transportation alternatives will be made.

Management for this study is in the Office of Urban Transportation Systems, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems, John E. Hirten.

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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today the appointment of Albert Gravallesse as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Environment and Urban Systems.

Prior to his appointment, Mr. Gravallesse was Director of Programs for the AVCO Electronics Corporation. Associated with AVCO for almost 15 years, his experience ranges from senior engineer and project manager to advisor on special projects involving operating plans, long-range planning, and budget control for the corporation.

"I welcome Mr. Gravallesse's administrative expertise," Secretary Volpe said. "A bright, young man, he brings to the Department 15 years of organizational experience. In dealing with the crucial matters of urban transportation and environmental protection, his managerial expertise will be a valuable asset to the Department."

Mr. Gravallesse, 40, received his bachelor's degree in 1954 from Tufts University in Massachusetts, and did graduate work at Northeastern University. In 1967 he was selected as a Sloan Fellow, receiving his master's degree from the Alfred P. Sloan School of Management, MIT, in 1968.

He is a member of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, the Society of Sloan Fellows, and the Sons of Italy.

A native of Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Gravallesse is married to the former Patricia A. Gioiosa; they have four children.

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Three publications on transportation education are now available from the Department of Transportation.

The publications, "Directory of Transportation Education," "Urban Transportation Needs", and "Intermodal Transportation Careers," offer information on three separate, yet related, aspects of transportation education. In the fast-growing field of transportation, they help fill the void of information sought by many young Americans who are investigating transportation as a profession.

"Those who choose transportation as a professional career, carry on the tradition of American pioneering. To them come the satisfactions of better serving self and improving the lot of mankind," Secretary Volpe said. "We must do all we can to assist and encourage the interest of our young people in this challenging field."

"Directory of Transportation Education" is an index of degree programs and courses in transportation offered by two year and four year colleges and universities.

"Urban Transportation Needs" is the compilation of a series of lectures given by Department of Transportation officials as a special course at the New School for Social Research, New York City, during the spring of 1972. The lectures cover such subjects as the environmental issues of urban transportation, the political and institutional factors, and advanced systems and technology in urban transportation.

"Intermodal Transportation Careers" is a guide for the development of educational programs for transportation careers from grade ten through two years of post high school education. It offers the educational community guidelines that help renew or develop careers in the changing transportation systems professions, and open up career mobility to those already employed in transportation.

"Intermodal Transportation Careers" is available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22150, order number PB 211-683; the cost is \$3.00. "The Directory of Transportation Education" and "Urban Transportation Needs" are available from the Office of Public Affairs, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C., 20590.

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